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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING CURLED DECORATIVE GRASS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**List of Sections Forming Part of This
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The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

1. ☒ Preliminary Statements
2. ☒ FORM PTO-1449 (Modified)
3. ☒ Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
4. ☒ Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement
5. ☒ Identification of Person(s) Making this Information Disclosure Statement

Section 1. Preliminary Statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability or that no other material information exists.

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Section 2. Form PTO-1449 (Modified)

☒ [X] A completed Form 1449 (Modified) is attached hereto.

☐ [] No Form 1449 (Modified) is attached.

Section 3. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies are Submitted or Need Be Submitted

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application **U.S. Serial No. 10/303,595, filed on November 22, 2002.**

Section 4. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement.

Legible copies of all items listed in Form PTO-1449 (Modified) accompany this information disclosure statement.

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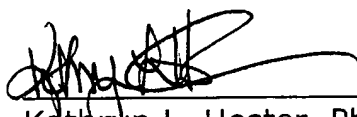
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The person making this statement is the attorney who signs below on the basis of the information:

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- ☐ supplied by an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c)).
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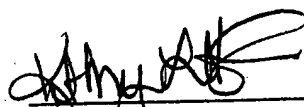
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- ☐ continuation-in-part
- ☐ divisional application for this case
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